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I would like to express my sincere dismay at the injustice of the proposed settlement terms of DOJ vs. Microsoft. Such a settlement does nothing to remedy the stifling impact that Microsoft has had on the industry. Quite the opposite, in fact. It opens up a new audience for Microsoft in a market that they would very much like to permeate.

Tecnology can and will do great things for this country, but the essence of its sucess should be the same essence that made this country great: freedom. By allowing Microsoft to continue their non-competetive practices you all but ensure that they will not only have increasing control over the operating system market but also that they will continue their attempts to obfuscate and disable other viable technologies, protocols and revolutionary ideas.

You must act now to make sure the Internet, and communications standards remain open to everyone. The following are critical to any agreement terms:

1. Any application or web service distributed by Microsoft which communicates over a network must first have its protocol approved and published by a fair committee. (The idea is not to hinder Microsoft's ability to create their own protocols, only to insure that other applications will compete on their relative merits.)
2. The committee will also provide a protocol compatibility suite (PCS) for the protocol.
3. No Microsoft product, patch, or web service may be distributed without first passing the protocol compatibility suite (PCS).
4. The latest Java Runtime Environment must be installed and configured on all future Microsoft products for the next ten years - including Java WebStart.

Sincerely,

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